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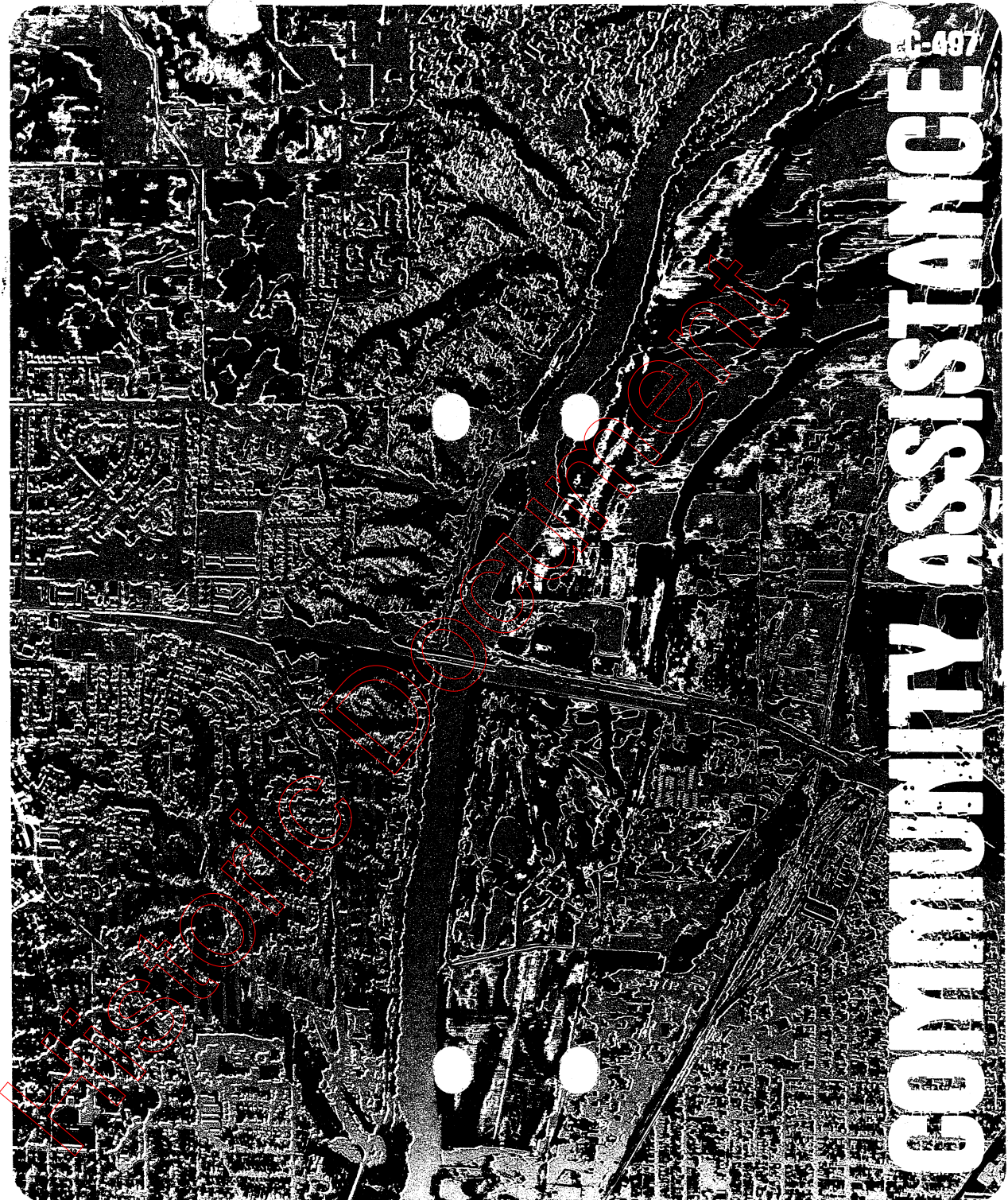
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BENEFITS

We feel the greatest benefit of the student is to provide the community with a variety of ideas capable of generating enthusiasm for a particular project or projects. Ideally, if the enthusiasm is indeed generated because of student efforts, a private practitioner is hired to do the final plan, working drawings, and specifications which would be required to bid out the construction of the project.

NEW 7/79

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM • HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT • COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE • PURDUE UNIVERSITY

A MESSAGE FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS

The Landscape Architecture Program at Purdue University offers a Community Assistance Program as part of the Community Development Extension Program. The Community Assistance Program is designed to assist Indiana communities develop physical design concepts, ideas and recommendations through the use of a student internship program.

The student internship program is part of two senior courses in Landscape Architecture.

Urban Design (LA 416)

A fourth-year landscape architecture course which utilizes a systematic design process to solve urban design problems and formulate policies for implementation.

Regional Design (LA 516)

A course which applies design methodologies to regional scale (county or larger) land use problems utilizing physical, social, economic and political inputs. Emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary interaction in problem solving.

GOALS

- To allow students to study the principles of regional design, urban design and policy formulation as they relate to the quality of the physical environment in a community. This includes the study and application of information from public and private sources, natural systems and the man-made environment.
- To offer small towns and communities in Indiana the opportunity to have environmental design assistance where none would be available otherwise.

OBJECTIVES

- To introduce students to the topics of regional design, urban design and policy formulation and their role in the overall environmental design process. Also, offer the students the opportunity to gain an understanding of the multidisciplinary nature of urban and regional design.
 - To allow the students to interact with groups and individuals in both the public and private sector who are directly or indirectly involved in the design and policy formulation process.
- To increase the student's understanding of design and process theories through actual community involvement and participation.

PURPOSE

The program involves small groups of students working with selected communities in the State of Indiana to develop an environmental design project that will meet individual community needs. Projects vary with community needs but in the past have included: neighborhood redevelopment, downtown redevelopment, park site selection and design, community facilities, growth policy recommendations, identification and analysis of environmentally sensitive areas worthy of preservation and survey of significant historic and cultural resources. Because the program is tailored to individual community needs the list is limitless. Communities that have participated are Wabash, Anderson, Galveston, Winamac, Delphi, Gary, Rensselaer, Loogootee, Montgomery County and Pulaski County.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To assure commitment from the community and the townspeople, we ask the town to accept the responsibility for the actual expenses involved for materials and the production of documents.

In the past, these costs have averaged \$400. Students may not earn a salary on such a project, for their work is considered part of the classwork assignment at Purdue University.

PROCEDURE

LA 416 Fall Semester

August — December.

Project requests should be submitted on or before September 1.

LA 516 Spring Semester

January — May.

Project requests should be submitted on or before February 1.

All of the communities submitting projects for participation cannot, of course, be selected. However, we encourage as many communities as possible to submit a request. If a community is not chosen this year, perhaps it will be a primary candidate for selection next year.

Application and additional information should be directed to:

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